

selflessly throughout the span of his career. He was a conservative through and through, of that there was no question, but he possessed a great sense of empathy and community, of respect and a fondness for diversity that uniquely set him apart. The story goes that his time on the football field enamored him of his Black colleagues and etched into his mind how repugnant inequality and discrimination could be.

That experience undoubtedly moved him. But it is my belief that such reverence for the dignity of man—regardless of skin color, race, or ethnicity—came innately and naturally to him. For Jack, “compassionate” was not a buzz word placed in front of “conservative” without thought or care. He lived, embodied, and applied compassionate activism to his impressive life’s work, a work outmatched only by his intensity of spirit and undeniable warmth.

“Civility cannot return to our country unless every person feels that they have an equal shot at the American dream,” he once said. “How in the name of American democracy can we say to eastern Europe that democratic capitalism will work there, if we can’t make it work in East L.A., or East Harlem, or East Palo Alto, California? How can we tell South Africa and the new Mandela government that democracy and private property and limited government and the rule of law and civility will work there, if it’s not working in our own backyard here at home or the South Bronx? How can America go into the next century and leave so many people behind?”

Jack was not an ideologue or political lecturer. He emerged as a statesman instead, far more committed to improving the lot of the American people than scoring cheap points in some political game. While we disagreed on some of the issues, most notably his enthusiasm for the Reagan tax cuts, we were in absolute lockstep in our commitment to rebuilding our cities, particularly in terms of housing and economic development. As Housing and Urban Development secretary, Jack met with minority groups, championed public housing, and worked with members like myself, who sat across the aisle, on issues such as revitalizing inner-city neighborhoods through empowerment zones. He served on the Howard University Board of Directors for 14 years, lending his support to President Swygert and the school, including significant personal financial contributions.

When he ran for vice president, Jack campaigned in Harlem, a visit billed as the first from a Republican candidate for president in at least half a century. Many expected raucous demonstrations from the residents in my community—more because of the “R” before his name than because they knew much about Jack Kemp to begin with. No such exchange occurred. I warmly greeted Jack at the local restaurant named Sylvia’s and we traded good-natured barbs: He told me that in a Bob Dole Administration, I would be drug czar; I responded that in a Bill Clinton Administration, I would be Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

Jack was a veritable hero and inspiration. It is in that light that we remember him today; in awe of his dedication to accomplishment, in reverence of his conviction.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD SCOTT ALDEN, JR.

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. I rise today to recognize and honor one of those individuals: Richard Scott Alden, Jr. On Friday, May 1, 2009, Scott passed away peacefully at his home after a battle with cancer. He will be deeply missed.

Scott was born April 16, 1953 in Pasadena, California. He graduated from Riverside Poly High School in 1971 and received a football scholarship to Arizona State University. While Scott was a Sun Devil, his team won 51 games, four Western Athletic Conference Championships and four Fiesta Bowls.

Scott was a devoted Christian and was “born again” through Christ September, 1975. He graduated from ASU with a degree in Business Administration in June, 1976 and married Ann Stiles later that year. After graduation, Scott began work with his father, Dick Alden, founder of Empire Oil Company, now Western Refining-Wholesale, as General Manager, and in 1990 was advanced to President.

Scott was active in Harvest Men’s Bible Fellowship, Alliance Petroleum Corporation and served as Chairman of the Advisory Board for The Salvation Army.

Scott was predeceased by his daughter, Jennifer. Survived by his wife, Ann Alden; daughter, Elizabeth Alden of Newport Beach; son, David Alden of Long Beach; parents, Richard Alden of Riverside, and David and Nina Mitchell of Riverside; sister, Michelle Fisher of Aliso Viejo; and brother, Eric Alden of Huntington Beach.

On May 8, 2009, a memorial service celebrating Scott’s life will be held at Harvest Christian Fellowship. Scott will always be remembered for his incredible faith, giving spirit, and sense of humor. His dedication to his family, church and community are a testament to a life lived well and a legacy that will continue. I extend my condolences to Scott’s family and friends; although Scott may be gone, the light and goodness he brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

HONORING WILLOW ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students, faculty and staff of the Willow Road Elementary School and congratulate them upon being honored with the Exemplary Reading Program Award from the International Reading Association.

Every year, the International Reading Association recognizes outstanding reading and language arts programs at all grade levels. One school from each State is given the Ex-

emplary Reading Program Award based on the priority of literacy in the curriculum.

Willow Road Elementary School promotes literacy and focuses on improving the students reading, writing, listening and speaking, devoting a large chunk of the school day towards reading. As a result, the school has been a finalist for the State award for the last two years before finally winning the honor this year.

As a member of the House Committee on Education and Labor, I understand the importance of literacy and recognize the benefits of encouraging our students to start reading at an early age. The future of this country is its children; however, their success would not be possible without the work of the teachers and administrators who dedicate their lives to their students. The teachers and staff of the Willow Road Elementary School are the back-bone of the reading program and I thank them for all that they do on a daily basis.

Madam Speaker, it is with pride and admiration I offer my congratulations and best wishes to the Willow Road Elementary School.

COMMENDING THE EFFORTS OF ADAM LAMBERT

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commend my constituent Adam Lambert for his amazing journey on Season 8 of Fox’s American Idol. Every week Adam has entertained the American public with his artistic renditions of American classics, from Johnny Cash’s “Ring of Fire” to Led Zepplin’s “Whole Lotta Love.” His performances are inspiring young people everywhere to work hard, aim high and follow their dreams.

With still two more weeks of the competition to go, I join with the people of San Diego, California to wish Adam the best of luck. As one of Adam’s favorite artists, Lenny Kravitz once said: “I just need to know that I did the very best I could and that I was true to myself.” Adam, we will be rooting for you and looking forward to your next unique and creative performance.

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HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit the following memorandum:

DISCUSSION OF SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT AND ANALYSIS

The NPRM fails to articulate the process by which the Administrator came to the conclusion on p. 30, line 41-46: “The Administrator believes that the scientific findings in totality point to compelling evidence of human-induced climate change, and that serious risks and potential impacts to public health and welfare have been clearly identified, even if they cannot always be quantified with confidence. The Administrator’s